VIRGINIA INDUSTRY AND PROSPERITY

(Continued from First Page.)

counties of Page, Rappahannock and Fau-quier contributory to hef, but her pros-perity is not alone due to the rich lands that he nearby. Recently her natural adyontages as a manufacturing town have become knewn, and in the last year sereral very fine enterprises have located here and others are prospective.

The Front Royal Milling Company, capital stock \$15,000, with Mr. M. J. Fulton as

president, has recently been incorporated and is building a large flouring mill near the Southern Railway depot. The capacity will be one hundred barrels a day. The Front Royal Handle Factory and the Sumption Wagon Works are both running with increased capacity and co-

Merchants say they have done a better business this year than ever before.

The town has electric lights, owned by the town; also water works, owned by a private corporation; fine streets, well paved and faid out.

paved and taid out.

Local option has prevailed here for twenty years, and, on the whole, has been beneficial to the good of the town.

The Randolph-Macon Academy for boys is also located here. It is in a very good condition. The Roberta Macatee Institute, a school for girls, was also organized tals

HARRISONBURG.

An Increase in All Times Over the Previous Year.

HARRISONBURG, VA., Dec. 31-Special.-Harrisonburg has shared in the general prosperity during the past year. And ausliness has been in advance of 1893. No business failure has occurred. In almost every line of business there have been additions. Another national bank has been established, and is prospering. Another large flour and feed mill has been established, and so prospering. been built and is in operation. A new cigar factory has been opened, and several additional grocery and general merichandise stores have been opened; also a new and large drug store

a new and large drug store.

A number of desirable dwellings have been built, and there has been an appreciable increase in the value of real estate. The rate of corporation taxes has been slightly increased, owing to a system of sewerage having been laid dur-ing the year. The rate of county taxes has been decreased. There have been no fires occasioning mentionable loss, which fact is largely due to the very efficient fire department and its abundant supply

The callroads have done a larger business than for some years previous. The express companies have also had an in creased business.

Negotiations are pending for an early extension of the Chesapeake and West-ern railroad from its terminus in the u-stern part of the county through the mountains into West Virginia.

The census report, made public recently, shows an increase in poulation for Harrisonburg several points of per cent. greater than the increase of her neighboring sister cities.

CHRISTIANSBURG.

Center of a Fine Section Where People Pay Their Way as They Go.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CHRISTIANSBURG, VA., Dec. 31 is one of the few towns on the railroad in Southwest Virginia that was not struck by the boom several years ago when this entire section of the State was wild over

The progress during the past twelve months has been more marked than that of any previous year in the last decade. Probably the most notable improvement of the year was the putting in of an electric-light plant by the Town Council, and after the first of January the streets, business houses and many r dences will be lighted by electricity, progressive Council has also kept up work begun two years ago, by putting S vitrified brick on the sidewalks of all the streets in the town, so that now one can go anywhere in the principal parts of the town and have city sidewalks to walk over.

The most notable event in the business line most hotable event in the basics. line was the opening of a large retail dry goods store by J. Kyle Montague & Sons, on the corner of Main and Depot Streets, the list of October, and, as Mr. Montague was once before in the same business at the same stand, and enjoyed a very large custom, his old customers immediately began to flock back to him. and he now enjoys a very large trade in addition to the wholesale grocery of Aaron Graham & Co., which was estab-lished some six years ago, another one was launched in the early fall by Messrs Walters, Dillon & Harless and was build ing up a fine custom, but Graham & Co. recently bought out the latter firm and recently bought out the latter firm and is preparing to creet a large warehouse at Cambria, in order to consolidate both concerns and to be the better equipped to

concerns and to be the better equipped to supply an increasing trade.

All the merchants report a good custom during the past year, and their holiday trade has exceeded all records. One striking feature of their trade of the last few years over that of former ones is the fact that such a large per cent of their customers de not ask for credit, but pay as they purchase, either in each or pro-duce, so that the loss on bad account has been reduced to the minimum.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

MARION, December 31.—Marion has
cause to feel kindly towards the closing
year. The census shows a substantial gain
in population. Local capital has erected a
splendid electric-light plant. Quite an addition has been made to the virilled brick
anatomatic and the pralonged drougth of pavements, and the prolonged drougth of last summer failed to diminish the water supply. So it may be claimed that Marion is one of the best watered, lighted and

paved towns in Virginia of its size. The census shows Smythe county gain ed 3,761 in population, only one other county in the Ninth District showing a larger

increase.

Marion Female College has a large number of students in attendance than it had for many years, and the public schools were never in such good shape as now.

Culpeper.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) CULPEPER, VA., Dec. 31.—If improved conditions evidence prosperity, then Culpeper may well be content with her surgentials. peper may well be content with het autroundings. Within the last year, in addition to the Farmers' and Merchants' Bank, long established, there have been two national banks—The Second National and The Culpeper National added—all doing a good business and contributing to a cheaper rate of interest. Several private residences have been

Several private residences have been erected, and the new Masonic Temple erected, and the new meaning completion will be an firmament to the city, a thing of joy forever to the fraternity. A new enterprise—lighting the town by electricity—is receiving support, both among the citizens of the town and Council, and promises in the near future ne of the conveniences, at least to the public.

Big Stone Gay.

BIG STONE GAP, VA., December 31— Special.—At the close of another year this section has bright prospects before it. The Big Stone Gap Iron Company's furnace has been in continual operation the entire year, and indications are good

for its continuance. for its continuance.

The coal mining operations contagious here are working full forces, and their output is on the continual increase. The Virginia Coal and Iron Company, operating at Stonega, are again putting life into oke ovens, which were for a short

very limited extent. The Virginia Iron, Coal and Coke Company, operating on Looney's creek, three miles from here, are fast completing a large number of coke ovens

The most important event for Big Stone Gap and the adjacent country, is the erection of a large school building, contract for the building of which has just been let by the school authorities to R. L. Brown, a large contractor and builder, residing here. This building when completd, will cost about \$20,000.00

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The Virginia Tanning and Extract Company, operated under the management of, General R. A. Ayers, ex-attorney-general of the State, is doing a flourishing business, and they have laid in stock for the coming variance. coming year's work of tons upon tons of tan bark.
The United States Leather Company's

plant is fast being completed, and this chestnut timber of which the forests will be a very large consumer for our contain an abundance. The timber of better grades from this

section is finding its way in all the large markets of the country, and while vast forests have been depleted, large quanti-ties of timber is yet in sight. M. C. McCorkle & Sons, of this place, have recently acquired a very large boundary of timber, and are now operating

their large mill at Appalachia, Va., manufacturing all grades of timber. Business generally has been good during the year.

CHASE CITY,

A Comparatively New Town That is

Taking the Lead in Business. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)

CHASE CITY, VA., Dec 31.—This town its made material advancement in the closing year of the century.

The Chase City Cigar and Cheroot Company, an enterprise of only two years' standing, report an increase of manufactthe previous year. Shipments dozen or more States of the South and West. A charter for the com-

South and West. A charter for the company has been applied for.

The Carolina and Virginia Telephone Company erected lines here this year and commenced operation in May.

On December 1st connection was made and the town placed in communication with twenty-nine towns over the same lines in Virginia and North Carolina.

More than a score of new residences have been built here during the year and have been built here during the year, and some of them of imposing appearance. Several large brick store houses and buildings for the mechanical trades have been creeted. The railroad company built a nice recention-room with separate apart-

ments for white and colored.

The proprietor of the Mineral Hotel and Barnett Hotel says this has been a more profitable year than the one previous, and that the sales of mineral water have in-creased 75 per cent. As a market for leaf tobacco Chase City

ranks with the first of Southside Virginia. The warehouse books show over three ions of pounds sold here in 1899. From 1st of August of this year to this there have been sold over one milion six hundred thousand pounds new crop. The crop of 1900 is 25 per cent less than previous years, but, notwith-standing, the sales here for 1960 have ex-ceeded 1899 fully 20 per cent. The Methodists new have in course of

onstruction a new church at an estimated

During the next year a town hall will be crected; a lot has been bought and plan already drawn by W. C. West, of Richmond, architect

A SHAKE UP AND SETTLE DOWN.

Newport News on Solid Basis Big Year

Ahead, Great Ship Contracts. NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Dec. 31 cial.—Though the 1900 was not quite so riotous in Newport News as some former years have been, it probably contributed more to the material welfare of the city

than any of the preceding years.

During the twelve months just gone by, the city has completed and put into operation a splendidly designed sewer system Two viaducts over the Chesapeuke and Ohio Railroad tracks have been complet-ed and a third begun. Two of the prin-cipal thoroughfares of the city have been handsomely paved with sheet asphalt and sidewalks, that were wont to stragand snewais, that were all the side vaguely and uncertainly along the streets, have assumed an air of pleasing primness, as behooves the sidewalks of a well-regulated city. The new Academy of Music, one of the handsomest in the State, is in its first senson. A number of splendid church buildings, begun last year, have been completed and are now occupied by rapidly-increasing congrega-tions, and during the year several large and striking business buildings, of the most modern make, have been erected.

In a word, the city has shaken off, to perceptible extent, its awkward and ugly newness, and has donned the tailor made garments of metropolitanism.

The Federal bankruptcy law has prove ivenient, if unpicturesque, cemetery for a number of small concerns of a hope cerns, whose proprietors, as a class, cam to this much-advertised Eldorada, with out credit and without cash, expecting to pick up money in the streets and to gather it from the bushes that grow along the highways. There have been, how ever, no large failures, and while business has been neither unprecendentedly large, nor of a charactr especially worth chronicling, it has been generally good.

There isn't a merchant in the city, who has made a fortune this year. There isn't one, however, who has lost one. In times gone by, there was an overproduction in the mercantile business-an overproduc tion, which the law of supply and de mand has eliminated from the trade equa-tion. In a more or less gentle shaking-up, the largest stones have come to the

top, and the fittest have survived.

There are not so many doctors in the community as there used to be, and "peace on earth, good will toward men," rings truer when it is known that there en a slight decrease in the number

of lawyers.

As a port and a ship-building centre the business of the city was phenomenally good this year. The receipts of the Custom House doubled. The receipts of the post-office increased 331-3 per cent The pay-roll at the shipyard was large all the year round than ever before, Ex

ports show an increase over last year of about three million dollars. The coal business was in the neighborhood of a healf a million tons better than that of 1899.

It is pleasant to be able to state with absolute assurance and without a tinge of extravagance, that the new year finds the prospects here better than ever be-fore. The shipyard, with its Government work, its huge Pacific Mail liners; its Morgan boats, its remarkable repairing work, has its ways and docks crowded and now pays off about six thousand men every Saturday afternoon. Uncle Sam has just awarded the concern a contract involving the expenditure of \$11,500,000 and much private work is in sight. The railroad and shipping business is increas steadily and rapidly, requiring the employment of an increased number of

The Virginia State Insurance Company spends thousands of dollars in this cit for printing, advertising, etc. We practice what we ask-patronize home insti-

A. L. PLEASANTS, Agent.

HOW ARE YOUR NERVES? If you are easily "flustrated." can't sleep and feel unrefreshed in the morning, your nerves are weak. Rood's Sarsaparilla makes the nerves strong by making the blood rich and pure.

Sick headache is cured by Hood's Pills.

Why do you not patrenize the hundreds of stockholders by insuring with the Virginia State Insurance Company?

in the early fall idleness, to a

men about the terminal of piers.

The city expects to do about one hundred and fifty thousand dollar's worth of paving during the year; four additional school buildings will be erected and two new engine-houses. The fire department will be enlarged, and its ability increased by the addition of two new engines and other equipments Several churches, now in process of construction, will be com-pleted early in the year. A new electric rallway and a new electric light co. will be in operation before the end of the first year of the twentieth century. A new planing mill is being built and other small industries will probably be located, to industries will probably be located, give employment to a certain class labor that has not, heretofore, been ac-

commodated on the peninsula.

And, best of all, there is a solidity about the city that has not been noted in years gone by, that augurs well for the future

BUILDING A GREAT CITY.

Wonderful Industrial Development in Norfolk and Vicinity.

(Special Dispatch to The Times,) NORFOLK, VA., Dec. 31.—Norfolk, Fortsmouth, Berkley, Lambert's Point, Port Norfolk, Pinner's Point and South Norfolk, which are practically one town, have forged ahead faster within the past year than in any year during their his-tory. More enterprises have been launched and more carried to completion than ever pefore within twelve months.

before within twelve montas.

Some idea of the progress made in Norfolk county, in which all these towns are, and in which are now, as the United States census of 1960 revealed, in round

States census of 1969 revealed, in round numbers 120,000 people, is conveyed when the following facts, all of which relate to happenings within the year 1900 are told.

LAMBERT'S POINT.

At Lambert's Point the Norfolk and Western Railway Company have begun the erection of what will be the finest coal pier on the Atlantic Coast. This pier will be 809 feet long, \$5 feet high and about 169 feet wide. It will cost exceeding \$400. 100 feet wide. It will cost exceeding \$400, 169 feet wide. It will cost exceeding \$400,606. The pier will be of steel upon a
foundation of pilling caissons and concrete.
The piles, 3,500 in number, have been
ariven, and the approach to — pier is
being dredged to a depth of 30 feet so
that the largest ships may come alongside to coal. The pier will be completed
auring the coming year. It is needed as
the present piers cannot dump coal into
the skips fast enough. the ships fast enough.

Nearly one thousand foreign vessels, mainly steamships, have sailed from Lam-bert's Point for ports across the sea. Durng the same period nearly three thouand American vessels have sailed from his port for other United States coasts. This harbor is alive with ships these This harbor is alive with ships these lays, and those who live along the shore may hear at night, drowining the gull's shril; cry, the creaking blocks, as salls are hoisted, and the clank of chains in awse poles as anchors are heaved when schooners, the wind favoring, the preparng to put to sea.

And at night, also, they may see almost nomentarily the lights of passing steam-

ers, as these come into the inner har-

Within the year the Norfolk and Sewell's Point Electric Railway has been completed and affords rapid transit between Norlk and Sewell's Point.

At Sewces Point a steamer meets the trains, and ferries passengers across Hampton Roads between Norfolk and the Hampton Roads between Norions and the peninsula on which OldPoint is located. This railway, which is now building a splendid depot on Plume Street, in the heart of Norfolk, cost some \$300,000. Its

This building, which cost the Govern-ment \$200,000 is of granite, Indian lime-stone and steel. It is a beautiful and substantial modern structure bullt on the corner of Plume and Atlantic Streets,

Within the year the Norfolk Silk Mills at Lamberts Point began the manufacture of broad silks (dress silks). Something like two hundred thousand dollars, mainly New York and Philadelphia capital is invested in this enterprise. Local labor is mainly employed, and some three hundred girls will be given a place when the

force now being trained is full

Three splendid public-school buildings \$50,000.

have been added during the past year, and many of Norfolk's streets, both in the west-end and in Brambleton have

been greatly improved. FILTER PLANT. Norfolk secured an abundance of good water within the past year, her filter plant and water reservoirs having been Much credit must be accorded uplished during his administration A large number of business buildings been erected in the past year in Largest of thes Norfolk proper. one on Main Street, occupied by Mille

Near this a handsome building, occupied by Chapman & Jakeman, jewelers, has just been completed. A large building is also projected adjoining Miller & Rhoads, on Granby Street. A great many line business blocks were erected within the

trandy Theater, which is a high-class tethnond, will conduct as a high-class andeville house. Van Wyck's Academy f Music was refitted during the year now losing. A moderate fortune was spent in the house.

St. Vincent's Hospital, partially destroyably fire, has been rebuilt and enlarged.

bi by fire, has been rebuilt and enlarged.
A magnificent institution it is now, since will be formally opened in about sixty iys, but is even now filled with pa-

eparing to build a large sanitariun A real estate expert says that Norfolk uilds a house a day, and has been doing for years. He holds that for two years t the number of residences built has atly exceeded this average. that old landmark—the Purnell House—

once a locally famous totch, is now one of the finest furniture stores in the country. It is occupied by John Willis, Jr., and ebuilt for him at a cost of so

Portsmouth has now a most built this and an excellent theatre, both built this year. There has been great activity at Portsmouth in building, both business

Portsmouth in building, both business houses and homes.

Especially at Port Norfolk and thereabouts has the building of residences gone on briskly during the past year.

BERKLEY.

At Berkley the Union Stock-Yards Company are building the most extensive stock-yards east of East St. Louis, Mo.

it directly from the shippers.

COTTON SEED OIL. At Markley, also, the Cotton-Seed Oil and F bre Company have just begun to operate a plant manufacturing cotton, cotton-seed oil and products of cotton, seed This plant cost more than \$150,000. James Poliock, of Philadelphia, is the leading spirit in the cotton.

terprise for Philadelphia capitalists. The plant should be finished within a

couple of months COLD STORAGE. The Norfolk Cold Storage Company have piped the business district within the past year and Norfolk business men have cold storage in their stores whenever re-A large investment was made in this enterprise. Business generally hereabouts has prospered exceeding during the year now closing. Merchants are very well satisfied, especially with the holiday trade, which is generally admitted to have been the best ever had Norfolk is creeping up among the bigger cities, and when the various towns in Norfolk county are consolidated, which consummation will probably not long be delayed, this will be the largest city in

A GENTLE HINT. Richmond would do well to look about and see if there is not something she can annex, for Norfolk and Portsmouth are smiling at each other across the Eliza-beth, and there are signs that a marriage license may be issued to parties hereabouts when the Legislature meets. Sooner or later all these towns about this har-

A HUSTLING MOUNTAIN CITY. Radford Becoming a Distributing and

Manufacturing Centre. (Special Dispatch to The Times.) (Special Dispatch to The Times.)
RADFORD, VA., Dec. 31.—The industrial seview of the city of Radford for 1900 sevents a healthful growth. Builders have been busy, and all the resident worknen, besides some from other places. had steady employment throughou the entire year, erecting substantial brick business houses and comfortable homes. Radford opened during 1900 two up-to-date hotels—one, "the Norwood," in the East-End of the town; the other, "The West-End Hotel," in the West Ward. These hotels are steam heated and mod-

The depot force has been increased, because of 20 per cent, increase in the amount of freight and express handled.

The wholesale business, commenced this year for the first time, has proven a success, and Radford rs becoming a success, and Radford rs becoming a distributing point for the further South-west and the coal fields of West Vir-

What is known as the "country trade" What is known as the torus that more than doubled since 'M. Thee's such trade as comes from several miles out in the country and from the surrounding countles of Floyd. Pulaski and Glies, brought here in wagons. They come in aded with all kinds of country produc and fruits, and take back family supplies and stock for small country stores. This rade is largely dependent upon good onds, and Radford's Board of Trade has paying considerable attention to all leading to town,

roads leading to town.

The electric company, organized by Dr. George W. Miles, is just completing a large power plant on Little river, two miles south of the city, with the view of furnishing light and power at cheap rates. The company offers power free for one year to factories, and thereafter at \$25 per horse-power. This is a very low rate, and is already bearing fruit.

Radford is now making at the Crane

Radford is now making at the Crane birnace 180 tons of pig-iron per day, at a greater profit per ton than any furnace n Virginia, except one. More city taxes were paid in before the

penalty of December than for any year previous; also back taxes on lots hitherto purchased by the State are being paid and property redected.

and property redeemed.

City warrants are at par; tax rate is low, and money in the treasury.

Taken altogether, Radford is in a healthful, vigorous stage of growth.

At least four-fifths of the child population attend the Sabbath schools. The embership of the churches is away above the average in proportion to population; Sabbath observance is good, the day is quiet and all the wheels of business cease.

THE FOURTH LARGEST.

Roanoke Gives Evidence of Substan tiai Improvement.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
ROANOKE, VA., Dec. 31.—No city in
he State has made more solid progress
n the last year of the nineteenth century
han Roanoke. In population the census
eturns place it as the fourth city in
ha State ie State It is the largest city in the richest

section of Virginia. As to wealth, Roan-oke is not a rich city, if numerous men of wealth determine that, but take the population, man and man, and few places ghow such an even distribution of tth This is shown in the large number of improvements in homes made during he year, over 400 permits having been such for improvements to dwelling homes. While no large buildings have been rected in 1900, permits have been issued on the organization of 111 Junior 11. of 114 dwelling houses, at \$112,700. Work has also en commenced on St. Andrew's Church Gets will cost \$110,560. Another Church

sting \$12,000 has been erected.

The Norfolk and Western Railroad has add a large addition to its frog and switch icpartment, which gives employment to several hundred men. The Roanoke Street Car line has just been equipped with new cars; one of the best-equipped hospitals in the State has been established at a cost of \$20,000; the city has expended \$50,street and sewer improvements; a ow bank his been creaming the fall, machinery has been ordered for a ction mill, which will be in operation bout the latter part of April. Merchants report the best year in their

experience.
The jobbing business is steadily improv-

Burkeville.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.) BURKEVILLE, VA., Dec. 31.—During 300 Burkeville took on new life. Many ulidings have been remodeled and nearly

very one painted. The Burkeville Roller Mills, J. L. Bradshaw & Co., employing about twenty ands, is doing a fine business. The South-side Female Institute is havg a splendid session with a large numbe girls and a competent corps of teach

The Burkeville Land Company has been revived by home capitalists, and several sales have been made.

Fredericksburg.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Dec. 31.—
The painter's brush, the carpenter's hammer and saw, the bricklayer's trowel have mer and six, the busy in this city of renown in all been busy in this city of renown in war and peace during the days of 1900. The mechanics, laborers, all found employment at remunerative wages. The mer-chants are up to date. The banks are full chants are up to date. The opinion of "spare change," and are doing a safe, conservative business.

The year has been most satisfactory, Fredericksburg has shown real marked

You have failed to add to Richmond's prosperity if you have no policies with your City Company—the Virginia State will Jamson Talley, Agent. Insuranc

BLOWN TO ATOMS.

The old idea that the body sometime The old idea that the body sometimes needs a powerful, drastic, purgative pill has been exploded; for Dr. King's New Life Pills, which are perfectly harmless, gently stimulate liver and bowels to expel poisonous matter, cleanse the system and absolutely cure Constipation and Sick Headache Only 25c. at Owens & Minor Drug Co.'s drug store, opposite postoffice.

The last enterprise at Norfolk is the Norfolk Heat, Light and Power Company. They are erecting a plant on Water Street, and will employ some \$200,000 in electrically heating and lighting Norfolk.

Mr. W. D. Pender is managing this enby will 't the city will be lighted by elec-tricity generated by the most modern machinery. This is in addition to the gas works, owned by the city. The City Coun cii has just determined on a system o sewerage and street paving, and it has also recently improved the court-house grounds and surroundings.

There are several shoe factories here, founded in the death of Charles E. Hunt-

the wagon works are in more than furnish the tables of many

From the two large sumac mills here sumae extract of the best make is shipp

Many new structures have been erected in the residential portion of the city and on business streets. In one of the business buildings the Conway, Gordon and Garnett National Bank has recently located, and in another the city Post-office, fitted up with appliances, furniture and fixtures of the handsomest and most modern design, which render it one of the best-equipped in the State, has been es-tablished.

One of the new enterprises which will be in operation early in the new year, is a large plant for manufacturing prepared bricks of a superior quality, the capacity of which will be about 50,000 bricks per day.

DANVILLE.

Glories in Good Streets, Excellent Rapid Transit and Manufactures.

DANVILLE, VA., Dec. 31.-The past year has been to Danville a continuation of the previous year from a business standpoint. The work on the streets, which was begun last fall, has been completed, giving the city one of the most beautiful business and residental thoroughfares in her "Main Street" that can be found anywhere in the State. The new depot, which was completed during the past summer, is a

handsome edifice. The street railway ran its first ca across the bridge on July 4th. The rai way is unexcelled by any in the South. The American Tobacco Company's nev cigarette plant has put hundreds of girls to work and brought a large weekly pay-roll into the city. The pants factory, known as the Moratock Manufacturing Company, is doing a flourishing business, though yet in its early stage. The pay-rolls of this concern are also large. The knitting mill has steadily improved

in its quality and quantity of its output and will also undergo improvements very The Postal Telegraph Company's line

several years ago, is being reorganized and it is proposed to erect a handsome building with gymnasium and every modern convenience. During the past year Danville celebrated

munity. Though the tobacco record, from a loase of the previous year, which was a record

reaker, the eyes of the financiers and usiness men are turning to cotton fac-

A Great Tobacco Town and the Great

(Special Dispatch to The Times,)
BEDFORD CITY, VA., Dec. 31.—1)
folid growth of business and new indus
ries the year just ended has been th

enger travel. During the past summe here was an increase of 50 per cent. n passenger traffic

The postoffice within the past year has been raised to second class and two new clerks provided. Star routes connected with the office supply 40 offices in different sections of the county and very soon mail free delivery will be estab-lished.

the place was erected during the sun tobacco for European shipment. I unusually active, and in plug a Bedfor factory still leads the Sixth District. and at the end of the tobacco seas it is expected that the market will sho rease maintained for the past two sefor direct foreign shipment to Europe and several large buyers have recently es-tablished themselves on the local floor. Messrs W. R. and D. T. Saunders, of Franklin county, have purchased the lot on the corner of Bridge and Washington Streets, on which to erect a large and

has been over 200,000 broad yards, ides dress goods of various weaves and

patterns.

An ice factory with a dally capacity of ten tons is now being built to cost

A stave factory, manufacturing barrel staves on a large scale, will begin opera-tions as soon as everything can be made The machinery for a cooperage eady. stablishment making hogsheads for the lace and elsewhere has already been At the Paris Exposition, Virginia was

Bedford county. The Albemarle Pippins grown in Bedford at the foot of the Peacs of Otter were selected over the best speci-mens from Albemarle and other pippin ccuntles.

Thus at Paris, in a contest open to every fruit growing country, the apples of Bedford were adjudged the best in the world.

During the fall many thousand peach, olum and apple trees were planted.

- ALEXANDRIA INDUSTRIES.

The Southern Railroad to Make Extensive Improvements,

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., December 31.-During the past year Alexandria has added several new industries and has made considerable progress, though not as many as in former years.

What promises to be a big industry is the manufacturing of the Kuhu Formal-dehyde which is a disinfection machine dehyde which is a disinfection machine.

jehyde, which is a disinfecting machine. The owners claim that the government the owners claim that the government has signified their intention of adopting them, as has many of the large railroad and steamboat lines. The machine is now manufactured here, but on a small scale at present, and promises to develop into a big industry.

The Comment Stocker Comment situated The Carson Spoke Company, situated

at New Alexandria, south of this city, is doing a thriving business, and their goods are being shipped to foreign lands. The Baritese Mill, which for some time has been dormant, recently opened under more auspicious circumstances.

more auspicious circumstances.

The wholesale firm of Messrs. Chas.

King & Son opened a canning factory,
which has proved a big success, and it
is more than probable that many more
will be opened here before long. Alexandrians have become deeply inter-Ackandrians have become deeply here ested in the proposed menorial bridge and many representative citizens have worked indefatigably to secure the passage of the bill. If the bridge is ever built it will undoubtedly help this city.

There is also a movement on foot among the passage of the Business War's

the members of the Business Men's League to secure an appropriation of \$50,-100 for the enlargement of the postoffice, which it is claimed is entirely madequate which it is claimed in the provinced which it is claimed is entirely madequate for the many purposes it is now used. The coming of the new year will be marked by extensive improvements which the Southern Railway Company contemplates making here. It is the contemplates making here. It is the company's intention to also erect a new Many sales of real estate have been

many sales of real estate have been made during the past year and the value of it has not depreciated by any means. Many small firms have also started and are doling well. Alexandria is excellently situated for a manufacturing city, with deep harbor and excellent railroad facilities. The new year will be one of unusual ac-

WHERE PROSPERITY REIGNS. Giles County Rapidly Developing Its

Business and Resources. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)
PEARISBURG, VA., Dec. 22—Giles country is passing through an epoch of prosperity which she has not enjoyed here-

Being a very small county, it has but little room for many improvements, but there are now in successful operation two there are now in saccessing the steam tanneries viz., Cover, Drayton & Leonard's large plant at Narorws, employing 60 to 80 men, and Leas & Meaning and Leas & Meaning to the steam of the saccess of the Vitty's plant, at Pearisburg, employingty or more men. The latter are additionally

afty or more men. The latter are adding a large addition, which will increase their capacity about lifty per cent. The lumber industry in the county is quite an important one. Besides a num-ber of smaller mills, the two larger, which might be mentioned are the mills of the per of smaller mills, the two larger, which might be mentioned, are the mills of the Porterfield Lumber Company, at Interior, cutting 50,000 to 75,000 feet per day, and the mills of the Youken-Merriman Com-pany, at Narrows and on Wolf creek, which, when completed, will probably be

pany, at Narrows and on Wolf Ceek, which, when completed, will probably be the largest in the county.

Of railroads it has the Norfolk and Western, dividing the county in half; the Big Stony Italiroad, entering the large timber and mineral lands of the Mountain. Lake Land Company, an dthe New River, Holston and Western, which is being con-structed up Wolk creak to intersect with the Norfolk and Western at Narrows, This

the Norfolk and Western at Narrows, Itis road will open up the timber and mineral lands of Wolf creek, Bland county and parts of Tazewell county.

Glies county has seven roller mills in successful operation, and the Stony Creek Milling Company will have their new mill completed by March 1st, 1901. Besides these there are a number of small burr mills.

The county is in a good, sound financial

on the county is in a good, sound mancial condition, and during the last year erected a handsome steel bridge at Hipplemead, across New River, at a cost of \$18,600. A large amount of money is being expended on roads tributary to the several rail-Cattle-raising is the most profitable ago blue grass. The farmers find grazing

of the satisfactory and profitable. Glies county is not on a boom, but enjoys a constant, regular and healthy finan-

Williamsburg. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)
WILLIAMSBURG, VA., Dec. 27.—Willamsburg made rapid strides towards inlustrial progress this year. There are
thirty merchantile establishments, and

thirty merchantile establishments, and no failure for eight years.

A Business Men's Association was organized, which has proved a great stimilist to business interests. The first large industry, the knitting mill, was located through the efforts of this organization.

Among the new industries started in Among the new industries started in 900 are: The Williamsburg Knitting Mill with a capital of \$50,000, employing operatives; the Williamsburg Steam I

operatives; the Williamsburg Steam Laundry Company; a new \$5,000 laundry at the Eastern State Hospital, and water works at William and Mary College.

Many new houses have been built and others in progress of erection. The asternative of real extent has increased. sessed value of real estate has increased over \$100,000 in the past few years. Fren-chises have been granted to two telephone companies, which are now at work or

their lines.
The Legislature will be asked for the orivilege of borrowing \$30,000 to install water-works and sewerage. Never within the history of the city Never within the history of the city has there been as much real substantial

Lawrenceville.

growth.

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)

LAWRENCEVILLE, VA., Dec. 31.—

3runswick county is in a very prosperous ondition. The Scabbard Air-Line Railway has constructed its risin line through the county, and with it come timber dealers, who paid a great many of the citizens good arises for their timber and who paid a great many of the citizens good prices for their timber; and, consequent-ly, there were many improvements made by the farmers on their farms.

A Baptist church has been erected dur-ing the past year and additions have

been made to the buildings of both ho-

White Hall.

WHITE HALL, VA., Dec. 31-Special,-White Hall has steadily forged ahead during 1900, and every branch of business during 1900, and every blanch has enjoyed the prosperous wave. More timber and railroad cross-ties can be seen to-day along the Buckingham seen to-day along the Buckingham Branch of the Cheasapeake and Ohio Railway, awaiting shipment than ever Rallway, awaiting shipment than ever before, and the trade in general merchan-dise for the past year may be conserva-tively estimated to have been between seventy and eighty thousand dollars. The tobacco trade has increased, and outloook is very encouraging.

far the sale of leaf tobacco at the ware-houses has exceeded last year with only a small percent of the crop marketed. With the beginning of the new year ar the resumption of business, the managers feel confident of a larger trade than ever. With a united action of the business men of White Hall and the co-operation of the business of the citizens in the county tributary to

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ing 1901. The new firms have begun business here in the last few months, a new graded school building has been erected, the Methodists have completed a nice nome for their preacher, said to be the best in the Farmville District, and other dwellings have been erected. Every building at White Hall is occupied and the demand is for more houses. Two gold and copper properties near this place have been sold to New York parties, and it is believed that mining operations as both of these properties will be begun in a very short while.

Martinsville.

(MARTINSVILLE, VA., Dec. 31-Special Martinsville greets the approach of the Twentieth century with 3,000 inhabitants and a real and personal property valuation of \$529,277.

The census enumeration is not quita so much, but the western end of the town, chiefly inhabited by colored people, is not embraced in the corporate limits This town, then, embracing but lifty acres of land, was donated in 1790 by Col. George Hairstan to trustees, and as a compromise with General Joseph Martin, who had offered a site at Hill," his farm on Smith's river, wat named in honor of the latter, who had done much valuable service in the fron tier wars with the Indians.

The plot was laid out in streets 52 feet wide and lots containing half an acre each, and a reservation of two acres in the centre as a "public square" and for location of the courthouse, jail and other public buildings. The streets are now well graded and the principal enes nearly macadamized and supplied with brief sidewalks and granite curbing, on which are many handsome and substantial bus-iness houses and private residences. At excellent system of water-works, with an abundant supply of delightful water and a pressure of 75 pounds to the inol has been enjoyed for the past six years Religious influences are actively exerted by large memberships of the Methodist Baptist, Presbyterian, Episcopal, Chris-tian and Primitive Eaptist churches each of them having good houses of

worship.
There are two banks—the Peoples and the Farmers—with an aggregate capital of \$55,000, which afford all the necessary machinery of finance

of \$5,500, which allowed the transfer of machinery of finance.

Two hardware, two drug, two furniture, ten dry goods, eight family grocery, four confectionery, besides several general merchandise stores supply the general wants in the mercantile line.

Martinsville is located 62 miles south 52 Roanoke and 40 miles west of Danville, on two lines of resilway—the Norfolk and Western and Danville and Western. The principal industry is the sale and manufacture of tobacco, employing three large warehouses, four prizeries and eight large and well-equipped factories, and giving employment to more ries, and giving employment to more

and eight large and went compre-ries, and giving employment to more than one thousand persons all the year round, and in many instances night and

Independance. (Special Dispatch to The Times.)
INDEPENDENCE, VA., Dec. 3L. town has had a good business year, There has not been a single failure in business and the volume of trade has been greater than in any previous year. One new store has been opened since the year began. All of the old merchants have added to

In October the Bank of Grayson was E. L. Lundy, cashier. This institution, opened up in the room in the east end of the court-house on November 1st and is doing a first rate business.

doing a first rate business.

Mr. E. L. Lundy is having a large building erected on Main Street, on the site of the old Lundy and Dickey store house, which was burned in January, 1897, which will be used for a store-house and bank. The building is to be 65 feet front and

100 feet deep, with cellur.
The 3d of this month the Supervisors of Grayson decided to have fire-proof vaults built to the court-house for tha vanits built to the court-house for the records of the County and Circuit Courts, and awarded the contract to Mr. B. M. Smith, of Washington, D. C. They are to cost \$3,700, and are to be completed by June 1st, 1901.

y June 1st, 1991. It is rumored that a railroad will be built during the year 1901, commencing at a point on the North Carolina extenion of the Norfolk and Western, thence west via Independence to the famous Bellou Copper Mines, in Ashe county, N. C. Should this be done it would deplable value to Independence as it would make her the distributing point for a large section of country in Vir-ginia, as well as in North Carolina.

Adversity and Success

(Special Dispatch to The Times.)
HILLSVILLE, VA., Dec. 31.—The year
1999 has not been a decidedly prosperous
year for the people of Carroll county. In fact, prosperity and adversity have al-ternated with each other to such an exnt that it would require a pretty close balance of accounts to determine accu-rately which preponderates. Whilst the weather continued cool until very late in the spring, it was nevertheless quite fathe spinis, it was very large crops, the result was very large crops of corn, oats, buckwheat, potatoes and cabbage, June and July were unusual-onsequently were too tender to withstand the succeeding hot suns that prevailed luring the months of August and Septemluring the months of August an On the 21st and 22d days of fell the greatest flood that ever visited this part of the country in the memory of the oldest inhabitant. On Sunday night. November 21st, the rain came down in torrents, but on Monday, the 22d, from 7 A. M. to 1 P. M., it fell in great sheets Every creek in the county flooded every foot of bottom land along its banks, and swept away the last vestige of corn, cats, hay, fences and everything.

Many persons think the loss in farm products caused by this flood to be about 15 per cent. of the products of the enpottom land along its banks, and swept

tire county.

Now, to compensate to some extent

(Continued on Twelfth Page.) You have failed to add to Richmond's prosperity if you have no policies with your City Company—the Virginia State

Insurance Company.

MANY VESSELS.

NEW ELECTRIC LINE

new depot faces Norfolk's new public building, in which the post-office and United States Court are housed.

two squares from the old post-office, SILK MILLS,

have been built this year, and are now occupied. These cost Norfolk more than Several miles of asphalt paved streets

\$150,000. Much credit must be accorded Mayor C. Brooks Johnston for public wo k

Rhoads and Company, department drygoods store. Near this a handsome building, occupied

NEW THEATRES. The last one is a handsome theatre, the frandy Theatre, which Mr. Leath, of

A large building is being erected in A large binning is being erected in Shent, which will be occupied by Miss Alice Douglass West, who conducts Noroik's famous private seminary for girls, frown as Leache-Wood Seminary.

Not far away Dr. Southgate Leigh is generally to build a large continuous.

PORTSMOUTH. At Portsmouth the industrial develop-nent has also been great. Portsmouth has now a first-class hotel

Mammoth yards are being constructed there, which shall have more than five hundred stalls for horses and cattle. hundred stalls for horses and tarte. The exportation of stock from this port on a large scale is apparently contemplated. Every rail and water line entering Norfolk interested in this stock-yard, which is on the belt-line railroad. The yard will be for freight lines, and will bill stock direct from the yards and there receive it directly from the shippers.

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which employ a large number of hands. The Washington Woolen Mills have re-cently changed owners and has taken on new life. Its fabrics find a ready markst. The flour and meal milis of Freder icksburg are crowded with orders. Here is located one of the largest silk fac-tories south of the Potomac, which gives steady employment to a very large num ber of operatives, composed largely of girls and boys. The foundries, including Hunter's Plow Works, W. D. William's foundry and the Southern Foundry, are still in the lead, and have had a prosperous year, though the former has had to mourn this year the loss of its head and

er. The rim, wheel and spoke factories and flourishing condition, and the large pickle hotel and restaurant with the best pickled

ed for dying purposes to the world's mar-

(Special Dispater .o The Times.)

having reached this city, is a great help to business interests, giving new life to both the old and the new companies. A Y. M. C. A., having become extinct

its growth by a great Street Fair and Carnival, under the auspices of the Elks, whose influence is greatly felt in this com-

BEDFORD CITY. est Fruit County.

most notable in the history of Bedford. Every line of business has shown hand-some development. Bedford City has always been an imast year the freight receipts at th Norfolk and Western depot have shown in increase of 33 1-3 per cent. A gain of 5 per cent, is noted in express matter andled and a marked increase in pas

A cigar factory turning out more of the A tigal laterly taking out here to the finished product than any firm in the Sixth District, has been built and firmly established. The largest leaf factory in mer, to be used exclusively in preparing Messrs, J. A. Dooley & Co. have sold 5,50,000 pounds of leaf at their two ware-nouses during the past calendar year, it an average price of \$5.50 per hundred. ns. This leaf is now bought principally

nodern tobacco warehouse.

A new woolen mill has been erected in 1900, and this is now being fitted with machinery by the owner, Mr. W. C. Haberer. The Bedford Mills Co., the old company, have been manufacturing rush speed during the entire year, for the most part, the sky blue kerseys for the army for which this mill is famous. The mill employs 100 hands and the output on Government goods for the year

awarded a first prize on its display of apples. These apples for the most part are grown in Bedford county, and were collected in the fall of 1899 by Hon. George E Murrell, president of the Bedford Hor ticultural Society, at the expense of the United States Poimological Department. Mr. Murrell made a careful canvass of the entire State, securing specimens as nearly perfect as possible, and these were kept in cold storage until opened for the contest in the summer of this year. They had kept splendidly and in the contest of leading winter apples, four of the five exhibits chosen by the Government it, the commercial importance of White expert to represent Virginia were from Hall will be considerably advanced dur-